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Applicant: HAYASHI et al. Conf.: 7584
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For: PLANT-ACTIVATING AGENT

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 28, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the 1st full paragraph on page 1, lines 4-12, with the following rewritten text:

A) --The present invention relates to a plant-activating agent, a plant-activating composition or a method of activating a plant by applying said composition or agent in the state of a solution or a solid to roots, stems, phylloplanes or fruits of a plant, such as spraying onto phylloplanes or irrigating into soil. Now, hereinafter, the term of "plant" means products that can be